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Serial No. 10/698,496
Attorney Docket No. 19799-206IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:)
Steven L. Jacques) Art Unit: 3731
Serial No.: 10/698,496) Examiner: Tuan Van Nguyen
Filed: October 31, 2003)
For: LOW PROFILE SHORT TAPERED)
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Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated July 26, 2006, for which a shortened statutory period for response is set to expire on October 26, 2006. Applicant has filed a petition for a 3-month extension of time, bringing the deadline for response to the Office Action up to and including January 26, 2007. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees, or credit any overpayments, in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 16-2500.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2. Amendments to the Specification begin on page 5. Remarks begin on page 7.